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AFRL participates in InfoTech 2004 Conference

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ROME, *N.Y.* — Representatives of the Air Force Research Laboratory's Information Directorate's Information Systems Division participated in the InfoTech 2004 conference held Oct. 19-21 at the Dayton Convention Center in Ohio.

Sponsored by the Dayton-Wright Chapter of the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association (AFCEA), the conference theme was "Operational Support Across the Air Force Enterprise...Perforating the Stovepipes."

InfoTech featured distinguished speakers, technical presentations, informative workshops and discussions among government, military and industry conferees, as well as state-of-the-art C4I and dual-use hardware and software technology exhibits from industry and government. The conference promoted an open interchange forum for military, government and industry representatives on key information technology issues.

Gen. Lance Lord, commander of Air Force Space Command, was the government keynote speaker and Mark Johnson, executive vice president of Oracle Corporation, was the industry keynote speaker.

More than 2,000 attendees participated in the main sessions, seminars, tutorials and visited 109 booths in the exhibit area.

The Information Directorate sponsored an information technology booth manned by the Collaborative Simulation Technology Branch and the Platform Connectivity Technology Branch. The booth featured a poster of the directorate's SATCOM (satellite communications) aircraft and its capabilities. A live Collaborative Enterprise Environment (CEE) demonstration and examples of the utilization of CEE as the foundation for the Aeronautical Systems Center Enterprise Knowledge Management (EKM) system were also presented. The demonstrations showed the next generation in dynamic knowledge management with the ability to integrate people, data, information and tools into workflow, multi-discipline and multi-enterprise collaboration, electronic product and process capture, and wireless collaborative connectivity to the EKM booth with collaboration at the touch of the screen. @